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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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TOPS EN +\$17,100 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for certain awards and payments from the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students for Louisiana National Guardsmen. (gov sig)
Present law provides for the payment of a sum on behalf of eligible Louisiana National Guardsmen who also meet the minimum qualifications for receipt of TOPS Awards. Proposed law adds TOPS-Tech Award recipients to the group eligible to receive additional payment. Proposed law doubles the amount of the payments for the National Guardsmen as follows:
1) For actual cost of books and other instructional materials for those who qualify for any award level: sum of not more than \$300 per semester or \$600 per academic year (currently \$150 per semester or \$300 per academic year).
(2) For certain other educational expenses for those who qualify for a Performance Award: an additional sum of \$400 per semester or \$800 per academic year (currently \$200 per semester or \$400 per academic year).
(3) For certain other education expenses for those who qualify for an Honors Award: an additional sum of \$800 per semester or \$1600 per academic year (currently \$400 per semester or \$800 per academic year).
Effective upon governor's signature.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in state general fund expenditures by \$20,412 in FY 11 and \$17,100 in future fiscal years.

Based on the average number of National Guard students (43) that have received the TOPS Awards, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) estimates the following increase in costs:

For book stipends (Opportunity, Performance and Honors) - 43 students * \$300 annual net increase = \$12,900
For other educational expense stipends (Performance Award) - 5 students * \$400 annual net increase = \$2,000
For other educational expense stipends (Honors Award) - 2 students * \$800 annual net increase = \$1,600

OSFA estimates that making National Guard students eligible for TOPS Tech Award would increase costs by \$600 (1 additional student * \$600 annual increase).

In FY 10-11 there will be a minimal cost of \$3,312 for OSFA's administrative rules development and programming costs and publication of rules in Louisiana Register.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules House
[] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost [] 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change [] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease
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